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SUBJECT: ISRAELI CARGO THROUGH SUEZ CANAL

FOR THE AMBASSADOR FROM THE SECRETARY

REF: CAIRO 9019

1. YOU SHOULD TELL FAHMI THAT OUR PURPOSE IN HAVING YOU
DISCUSS QUESTION OF ISRAELI CARGO TRANSITTING SUEZ CANAL
WAS PRECISELY TO SHARE WITH HIM THE DILEMMA WE FACE

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TOGETHER ON THIS PROBLEM AND TO GET HIS JUDGMENT OF HOW

WE COULD RESOLVE MATTER. WE NOW HAVE HIS JUDGMENT AND,
ON THAT BASIS, WILL GO BACK TO THE ISRAELIS AS WE SAID WE

WOULD AND TELL THEM THIS IS NOT THE MOMENT TO PRESS THIS
ISSUE. HOPEFULLY WE CAN NEGOTIATE SOME DELAY WITHOUT THIS
BECOMING A POINT OF PUBLIC CONTROVERSY.

2. YOU SHOULD ALSO MAKE POINT TO FAHMI, HOWEVER, THAT
THIS PROBLEM WILL NOT GO AWAY AND CERTAINLY CANNOT BE
POSTPONED FOR TWO MONTHS. EGYPTIAN UNDERTAKING TO PERMIT
ISRAELI CARGOS THROUGH CANAL ONCE IT WAS OPEN HAS BEEN
PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE FOR MONTHS PREDATING LATEST AGREEMENT
AND IS NOW FORMALLY A PART OF THAT AGREEMENT, IMPLEMENTA-
TION OF WHICH WILL BEGIN FOLLOWING CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL

OF AMERICAN ROLE IN EARLY WARNING SYSTEM AND SIGNATURE OF
PROTOCOL IN GENEVA. IT IS OUR HONEST JUDGMENT THAT THE
PASSAGE OF AN ISRAELI CARGO THROUGH CANAL CANNOT BE DE-
LAYED MUCH BEYOND SIGNING OF PROTOCOL WITHOUT THIS BE-
COMING A MAJOR EXPLOSIVE ISSUE ON WHICH, WE MUST
FRANKLY SAY, THE ISRAELIS WILL BE ABLE TO CITE THE
RECORD TO THEIR ADVANTAGE. WE ARE THEREFORE TALKING
IN TERMS OF A DELAY OF THREE OR FOUR WEEKS AT THE MOST.
WE WANT TO WORK THIS OUT WITH EGYPTIANS AS A PROBLEM WE
SHARE AND NOT AS SOMETHING WE ARE UNREASONABLY TRYING
TO FORCE UPON THEM, AND WOULD THEREFORE VERY MUCH
LIKE FAHMI'S CONSIDERED VIEWS, AFTER HE HAS HAD OPPOR-
TUNITY TO REFLECT, ON HOW WAY CAN BEST BE PREPARED.
HE SHOULD KNOW THAT WE WILL HAVE DIFFICULT TIME CONTAIN-
ING ISRAELI REACTION, BUT WE WILL DO OUR BEST. HE
SHOULD UNDERSTAND THAT WE WENT TO HIM IN GOOD FAITH
TO CONVEY ISRAELI PROPOSALAS WAS OUR DUTY; GIVEN
HISTORY OF OUR DISCUSSIONS ON THIS SUBJECT, WE HAD
NO OTHER CHOICE. IT DOES NOT HELP MATTERS AT ALL TO
HAVE OUR MOTIVES QUESTIONED IN THE WAY FAHMI DID IN HIS
REACTION TO YOQ. SURELY OUR RELATIONS AND MUTUAL
CONFIDENCE AND UNDERSTANDING WE NEED TO PRESERVE DO
NOT CALL FOR THE KIND OF LECTURE FAHMI DELIVERED TO
YOU, A METHOD TO WHICH HE SEEMS TO RESORT WITH INCREASING
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